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SENATOR ALLARD SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR 2004 ALLARD CAPITAL CONFERENCE

PARTICIPANTS TO MEET WITH NATIONAL LEADERS IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado), Colorado State University President Larry Penley and University of Denver President Marc Holtzman want to hear from Coloradans who would like to participate in the Seventh Annual Allard Capital Conference to be held June 16 through June 18 in Washington, D.C.

"The Allard Capital Conference gives Coloradans an unmatched opportunity to meet and question this country's most prominent political leaders and high-ranking government officials. Participants will gain insight into the workings of Washington and the decision-making processes that affect all of our lives," Senator Allard said. "This year's conference promises to be the best ever. We have two new co-sponsoring institutions, Colorado State and the University of Denver, and they are bringing a new, exciting dynamic into the mix."

"The University of Denver is proud to co-sponsor the 2004 Allard Capital Conference with our colleagues from Colorado State University. This prestigious conference will help to raise awareness among the participants of the unique global challenges currently being faced by our government," University of Denver President Marc Holtzman said. "The superb collection of high profile speakers at the conference offers Coloradans a first-hand chance to obtain the insight of the American leaders that will be implementing the policies that shape our future."

Colorado State University President Larry Penley said, "Colleges and Universities have an obligation to engage the citizens of our state and nation in the leadership of society. By partnering with Senator Allard and our colleagues at the University of Denver to sponsor this important conference, Colorado State University is helping to strengthen citizens' understanding of government and the relationship between the private sector and Washington."

Senator Allard said this year's speakers include Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and 9/11 Commissioner and former Congressman Tim Roemer. Speakers at earlier conferences have included Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, Education Secretary Rod Paige, Senator John Kerry (D-MA), Senator John McCain (R-AZ), Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Senator John Warner (R-VA), Former Senate Majority Leader Senator Trent Lott (R-MS), Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY) and Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA)

Coloradans interested in attending the conference should contact one of Senator Allard's state offices or his web page at http://allard.senate.gov/acc to obtain an application. The registration fee is \$250. Participants are also responsible for their hotel and transportation costs. The deadline for applications is April 16, 2004.